

City of Meriden, CT GIS Web Site FAQ

Q. How can I get rid of the annoying yellow shaded area that fills the parcel I'm looking at?

A. Use the clear graphics icon  to remove all graphics from map.

Q. When I click on the zoom in icon, why doesn't the map zoom in?

A. The Navigation Tools are interactive. In other words, when you click on the zoom in tool, you must then interact with the map by click-dragging a rectangle around the area in which you want to zoom.

Q. Why is the 2010 Aerial of poorer quality than the 2009 aerial?

A. The 2010 Aerial is provided by the State of Connecticut and was captured at 1-meter pixel resolution. The 2009 Aerial photo was done by the City using 3-inch pixel resolution.

Q. Sometimes when I click on things, nothing happens. Why?

A. Check to be sure you don't have pop-up blocker in for both your browser and for any 3rd-party toolbars you may have added (i.e. Google Tools, AOL tools).

Q. How do I view the lot dimensions of a property?

A. Use the Map Search page to display lot dimensions:

- Open the Table of Contents 
- Expand the "Other Features" group layer. From this list check on Lot Dimensions 1 and Lot Dimensions 2 (you may need to turn off the aerial image to see the dimensions).

Q. I recently bought or sold my property but the information on the GIS Site doesn't reflect this. Why?

A. When you buy or sell property a deed is filed with the Meriden City Clerk. This is the official record that property has been transferred. That information is then brought to the Assessor's office for assessment and tax billing purposes. Once entered into the Assessor's database, the information will immediately appear on the GIS web site.

During the compiling of the Grand List, from early October until March, the Assessor will stop making property owner changes in the Assessor database so that the Grand List can be created. Once the Grand List is created, the Assessor's office will begin entering all property transfers completed during this period. Again, the official record of property ownership is not the Assessor's database but rather the deeds filed in the City Clerk's office.